A Radio Message for YOU!

The Mission Trail

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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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Faithfulness Is Required of All

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Faithful Stewards

Are we trying to follow Jesus,
Like the rich young man of old,
Are we keeping His commandments
And holding back our gold?
Are we dividing our possessions
As faithful stewards, all?
We cannot belong to Jesus
If we do not heed His call.

O may we not choose unwisely
In this last and perilous day,
For Jesus loved him dearly,
But he sadly turned away
We may lose our dearest treasures,
Our homes, our souls, our all,
If we do not follow Jesus
And heed His gentle call.

Will we part with our possessions,
Shall we gladly share them all?
As did the consecrated saints
In the days of Peter and of Paul,
Who called not anything their own,
But laid their all upon the altar?
The truth then spread both far and wide,
And God's word did not falter.

--Olive McFarling

Friends, it is a real pleasure to be coming your way once again with a short message from the Word of God. Listen to this 12th verse of the 8th chapter of II Corinthians. "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." Some people seem to have the opinion that a person's faithfulness is rated according to how much he does, especially in good works or charitable causes, or it might be in the amount of money which one is able to give to a good and worthy cause. But I want to tell you that this is not true.

God is not going to count our faithfulness in dollars and cents. If this were the case, one who was rich would have a much better opportunity to be saved than the poor man. He would be able to give large sums or contributions whereas the poor man would only be able to give a little.

The scripture which I have just read clearly indicates that every man and woman is going to be held responsible for that which they have in their possession. In other words, they must be faithful to all which God has entrusted in their care. This might be financial affairs or talents and abilities which God has given. If you have more material possessions, there is a greater responsibility upon you than the one who has very little.

Friends, God is looking at our hearts to see how faithful we are with what we have to do with. He does not expect the impossible. In fact, one scripture mentions that we should give our

reasonable service. Listen to this reading from the 21st chapter of Luke beginning with verse 1. "And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had."

No doubt, those two mites which the widow woman put into the service of the Lord meant more to her than many riches of those who were able to give freely. In fact, it says that she cast in all the living that she had. In other words she gave 100% of all her living.

New Testament teaching is not one tenth of what you earn, that is to be the Lord's, but we understand that everything we have belongs to God. We are only stewards. It does not belong to us. So here is the question I want to ask, "Are we faithful servants of the Lord?" If you have a little, God wants you to be faithful to remember him. If you have much, he still wants you to be faithful.

In the 25th chapter of Matthew we are told of a man who was going to be traveling to a far country, but before he left he called in his servants. To one of them he gave five talents, to another two and to another one. He, no doubt, felt that some servants were capable of taking care of more than others. Consequently that is the way he divided them. Now he did not give these talents to his servants to go and spend upon their own personal use, but they were to look out for their master's welfare.

Now we read further in this 25th chapter of Matthew that one day their master came home. He called in his servants and wanted to know how well they had prospered. Well, the first man who had the five talents reported that he had gained five more. That was good. His Lord was well pleased. The one who had two talents reported that he also had gained two more. That was good, and the Lord was well pleased with him. But listen to what this man said who only had one talent. "Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine."

Now one might be inclined to think he was justified in making such an excuse because he had so little to do with, but was he really justified? Did he have so little that his Lord did not even care what he did with it? No, friends, that is not the case at all. His Lord called him a wicked and slothful servant because he had failed to make good use of what had been left in his care.

Did you ever read about Alexander the Great? In a way he was a ruthless and a wicked man. He conquered kingdoms all the way from the north of Africa, the west of Asia, and the east of Europe. Now, of course, he did this by military force and might. If one stood in his way he did not hesitate to kill him if it would further his cause. He took many dangerous chances. It is reported that at one time he took with him 35,000 troops and crossed the Hellespont, a strip of waterway from one to four miles wide, which often had strong and dangerous currents

flowing in it. Rulers and kingdoms feared when they knew that Alexander the Great was coming. In fact, sometimes they made overtures of peace for fear of him.

It is said of Alexander the Great that when he had conquered all the known world of his day he sat down and wept because there were no more kingdoms to conquer. But here is what I want to get across to you. One day when he was asked who should be his successor to the throne when he was gone, his reply was this, "To the worthiest".

Even so, friends, I believe that God is looking for those who are the most faithful to entrust with his riches and the spreading of his cause throughout the world. If you are faithful in the little things, God will be pleased to entrust greater things in your care.

Let us pray.

Our Father,

Bless the words of the broadcast to everyone this day. May it kindle a fervent desire in every heart to be faithful to the cause of God throughout this new year of 1968. Help us to do our best to spread the truth both at home and abroad, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Now I want to take just a moment to tell you that you are listening to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking. If you would like a printed copy of the message, be sure to let us know. We print these and mail them free of chrage each week. If we may be of any help or service to you, we would like to know that also. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Now for our song I think I will go back and play some of the recording of that song "Wasted Years". This is the one we had on our first broadcast January 22, 1965. That is almost three years ago. We certainly appreciate those who have stood with us over those years. I wonder how many remember hearing this song. The singers were Donald and Marilyn Eck and Kenneth and LaVerna Probst. The reading which LaVerna had was real good I thought, but here it is, "Wasted Years".

Friends, it has been a real pleasure to bring you this little gospel message today. We hope you will be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station. If we can be of any help to you, be sure to let us know. You can write us by addressing THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. We appreciate your prayers and co-operation as we begin this year of service for the Lord. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you, and a very cheerful good-bye!

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From W. Va.: "Dear Willie and family, Just a line to say we are still encouraged to press on in this wonderful way with the help of our dear Lord. Was to Akron, Ohio over Thanksgiving weekend, also there over Christmas. It was encouraging to meet the saints there again. We do appreciate your paper so much and trust the Lord is still blessing you all as you press on in this wonderful work for our Lord. . . Please pray for us and we pray for you. May the Lord bless you richly in all things." --Bro. James White

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For some of us the harbor lights
Will soon come into view
Be sure your reservation's made
For Christ to pilot you.

Testimonies

From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, We will write you today. We love the Lord and want to press on for Him. He has been very good to us for which we are thankful. We trust all of you are doing well. We hear your broadcast on KCIJ on Sunday mornings. We sure are pleased to hear your message. May the Lord bless you and your family in your efforts to please Him. May God bless you all is our prayer. With Christian love,"

--Don and Mary Gentry and family

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From Ohio: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, We greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, on this New Year's day. Praise the Lord! Hope all of you are well and are encouraged for the Lord and souls that we may win them to Christ because many are dying without a Saviour. Oh! how sad. We are thankful to still be in the service of the Master and encouraged to press the battle on until the end. That's the only way we will receive our crown of life, according to Revelation 2:10. We are looking forward to seeing you with us in Akron again someday soon, the Lord willing. We truly enjoyed you all being with us. Please keep The Mission Trails coming, and if it's possible, please increase our papers to twenty-five for distribution to lost souls. And here is a small offering to help in the gospel work of the dear Lord. Please pray for us that we keep ourselves in the center of God's will. Your brother and sister in the Lord," --Theophilus & Henrietta Jones Jr., "The Lord's Harvest Hands"

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What e'er the need, help us to feed
Upon His words and pray
For guidance and to trust Him more,
However dark the way.

From Mississippi: "Dear Brother and Sister Murphey, . . . I'm praising the dear Lord for this great salvation that enables us to live free from sin. I've been saved over forty years and mean to be true at any cost. Pray for me as I do for you."

--Novella Pugh

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From South Carolina: "Dear Bro. Murphey, Greetings to you in the name of Jesus. I'm writing to you to let you hear from me once again. I got my first Mission Trail paper last week and sure did enjoy reading it over and wish they were in every home. Brother Murphey, according to the Word of God the time is near at hand, and all of God's people need to be found working when Jesus comes for his faithful few. And by the help of God, I want to be in that number. I will soon be 74 years and I am still enjoying this Christian life. I found the true Church of God about eight years ago, and it is getting sweeter every day, praise the Lord! . . . Please add those names for me. Your Brother in the one body,"

--Eddie Driggers

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"Many Thanks"

"Guthrie, Oklahoma, Dear ones all, far and near, We desire to take this means of thanking one and all for their kind remembrances of us, for the many get-well, Christmas and birthday greetings that were sent to us, also some sent offerings. Darius is unable to write and my eyes are so very weak, but as I can I will answer for we do appreciate the tender love and sacrifice of every one to us. Your many prayers in our behalf has gone up as a memorial before God, Acts 4:10 and are having effect. We are better at this writing, Dec. 31. Please continue to remember us." --Darius & Evelyn Gibson

at press time

we understand:

Because of the cold weather and icy streets as well as a number of the Guthrie congregation being sick, the attendance at prayer meeting last week (January 3) was rather small; however, the encouraging testimonies indicated a healthy spiritual condition.

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A recent report that Ruth Gaines is somewhat improved is encouraging. She has been real sick and still needs earnest prayer for her healing. A card or letter telling her that you were praying for her would, no doubt, be appreciated. Send it in care of: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gaines, Route 2, Box 51, Thayer, Missouri 65574.

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From California: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Willie Murphey, Greetings in the Lord. We are saved and enjoying salvation. Enclosed find an offering for the Mission Trail. We have enjoyed it and pray the Lord to bless you in your work. We attended a few services of the assembly meeting. We were especially blessed in Sunday morning services. Bro. Huskey preached on love. It was very good. Just what is needed to start the new year. Pray for us and our family. Continue to send us the Trail." --Bro. E. V. Davenport

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It has been a real pleasure to have Bro. and Sister Henry Dornhofer from Flint, Michigan to remain in Guthrie a few days after the assembly meeting. We have come to know and love them better and appreciate their steadfast devotion to the truth.

Jesus Our Helper

While the trials of life seem greater,
And the burdens o'er us roll
Christ the Lord is our redeemer,
He will surely bless our soul.
Bless the Lord, our dear redeemer,
Gives us strength and grace anew.
Helps us fight our every battle,
With all love and courage, too.

--Pauline Brown

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From the Golden Rule Home: "To The Mission Trail, . . . Several here have the flu, and there is a lot to do. I hope the dear Lord will send someone to help. I am so thankful the dear Lord helped me not to take the flu. I am no better than the rest. Some are still weak and cough. Sister Lola Lilley is so frail. Brother John Wilson and another brother with the palsy have been real bad but some better. Bro. Charles Smith brought Bro. LaFaver to the home not long ago. . . . The dear Lord has healed me of two cancers and so many other things. God bless you all. I love Jesus!"

--Sister Mary Whitmore

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If you live within the area covered by one of the broadcast stations listed on the back page, we hope you will make it a listening habit to tune in the message each Sunday. Reception should be good during the cold winter months. It is our hope and prayer that the seed sown may fall into good and honest hearts and bring forth good unto eternal life.

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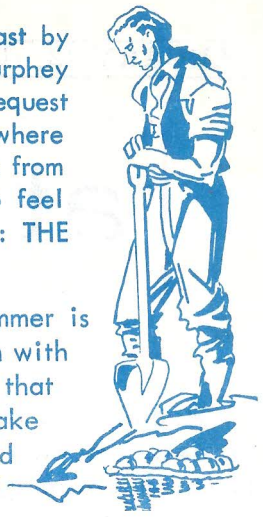
For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."



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RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KXOW	Hot Springs, Ark.	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:15 a.m.
KCRS	Midland, Texas	550 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kans.	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
WFPR	Hammond, La.	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCKW	Jena, La.	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, La.	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

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